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In re the Application of: : **Box AF**  
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Philip James IONS et al. : Group Art Unit: 1742  
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Serial No.: 10/821,952 : Examiner: Scott R. Kastler  
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For: DIRECT SMELTING PLANT :

McLean, Virginia  
January 31, 2006

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the outstanding Official Action mailed October 31, 2005 for the above application. Please amend the application as indicated below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin at page 8 of this paper.